

REMARKS

The specification of the subject U.S. patent application, as filed, as constituted by the German language text of PCT/EP2004/051188, has been cancelled in favor of the accompanying Substitute Specification.

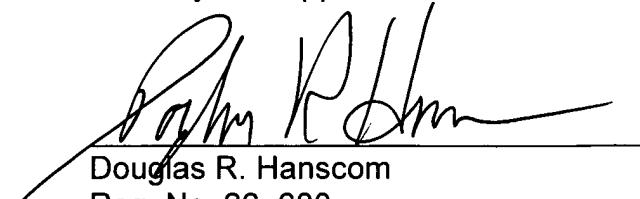
Original claims 1-29 and replacement claims 30-53 have been cancelled. New claims 54-78 have been added. New claims 54-78 are essentially the same, in scope, as the claims currently pending in the PCT application. They have been rewritten in a form eliminating multiple dependencies. Please charge any additional claim presentation fee to the deposit account No. 10-1213 of the undersigned.

Entry of this Second Preliminary Amendment into the file of the subject U.S. patent application, prior to the examination of the application on the merits, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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